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SUBJECT: CONGRESSMEN WOLFF AND GILMAN HOLD PRESS CONFERENCE
ON NARCOTICS

1. DURING A FEBRUARY 16 PRESS CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON, CONGRESSMEN WOLFF AND GILMAN INDICATED THAT MEXICO IS NOT COOPERATING WITH THE U.S. AS CLOSELY AS IT ONCE DID IN ATTEMPTS TO REDUCE THE FLOW OF HEROIN INTO THIS COUNTRY, ACCORDING TO AN AP REPORT WHICH HAS BEEN GENERALLY VERIFIED TO DEPARTMENT BY ONE OF CONGRESSMAN WOLF'S STAFFERS.

2. GILMAN WAS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT THERE HAS BEEN A SUDDEN CHANGE OF POLICY IN MEXICO, THAT DEA AGENTS NO LONGER FLY WITH MEXICAN INVESTIGATORS TO SPRAY HERBICIDES ON POPPY FIELDS, AND THAT THE HERBICIDE PROGRAM HAS BEEN SHARPLY CUT BACK. THE AP STORY ALSO STATES THAT MEXICAN ATTORNEY GENERAL FLORES IS KNOWN TO HAVE BECOME UPSET
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LAST YEAR OVER THE DEA OPERATING ON ITS OWN IN MEXICO AT TIMES, AND CITES DEA SOURCES AS SAYING THAT THE AGENCY WAS RELUCTANT TO REGULARLY ADVISE THE MEXICANS ABOUT ITS WORK FOR FEAR THAT THE INFORMATION WOULD GET BACK TO DRUG DEALERS.

3. NO QUESTIONS ON THIS SUBJECT AROSE AT THE DEPARTMENT'S

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